



# Alternate Channel

*The newsletter for and about the members of the*  
**LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM**

**JANUARY 2005**



Rick Cockrill gets his picture taken by Lt. Rickey Frye as part of Loudoun County Sheriff's Ident-A-Child Program. Numerous folks took advantage of this program at the Philomont Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Harvest Brunch held Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>.

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## Deadline Submission

### **Date:**

Submissions for the Alternate Channel issues are due by the first business day of the previous month.

Example:

May 1st for June Issue

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**AVFRD Drop point for Operation "Welcome Home"**  
.....your donations support wounded troops

Did you ever wake in the middle of the night, and stand in front of your open refrigerator, looking for just the right thing? Imagine now, you are thousands of miles from home, in a sterile hospital environment and all the ward kitchen will provide are packaged crackers & lime jell-O!

The wards at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Bethesda Naval, and Andrews Air force Base are full of these wounded young "kids." These injured military heroes are being rushed from the battle fields to Germany and then home to the USA in record time, with barely a hospital gown to their name. But they are not quite home, yet, and Mom & Dad are still, hundreds to thousands of miles away. They are alone, and may not even have a pair of slippers to put on to raid that kitchen.

Please help the Ashburn Fire Department and the Ladies' Auxiliary of Military Order of the Purple Heart provide some of the "creature comforts" we so take for granted. Below is a partial list of food (non-perishable, please) and clothing that would make an immense difference in their recovery. You may go to the AVFRD web site or stop by the Fire House at Station 6 or 23 for a complete list.

Items will be collected weekly and transported & distributed by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, as part of Operation "Welcome Home". Checks to LAMOPH, Unit 353 or gift certificates from K-mart, Target, Wal-Mart, CVS or similar organizations will be gratefully appreciated and accepted.

### **Clothes and Footwear –all sizes**

- Colored boxer shorts, T-shirts for men)
- Colored T-shirts & panties for women
- Sport /sweat shorts/shirts & pants
- Lounge / pajama pants for men & women
- Flip-flop / shower shoes
- Unisex socks & Colored footies
- Breakaway pants & shirts (sport pants with top to bottom buttons on the sides

### **Toiletries (Normal & travel Sizes)**

- Shampoo, soap
- Disposable razors (for men and for women)
- Shaving cream or foam, mouth wash
- Mouth wash (normal and travel sizes)
- Tooth brush, Toothpaste
- Chap stick (with and without flavor)

### **Bed and Bath**

- Full-size bath towels

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# COMPANY NEWS

## Ashburn Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department ISO Rating Improved

The Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department is pleased to announce that members of the department worked very hard with the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) over the past summer and improved the insurance rating for Ashburn from level 6 to level 4 effective January 1, 2005. The improved rating should result in savings on insurance premiums for your business or home located within the service area of the Ashburn Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department. It had been many years since the ISO last rated Ashburn and the surrounding Sterling areas. Initially, the rating was a 6.

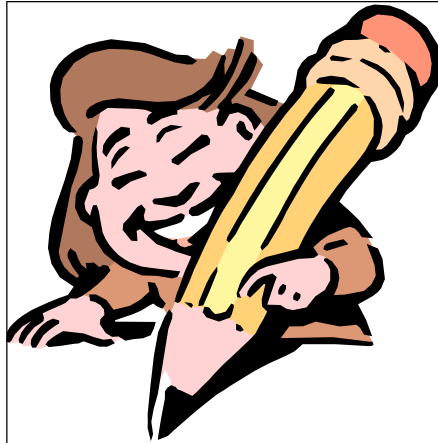
The ISO is the principal provider of rating and statistical information for the insurance industry in the United States. ISO evaluates many aspects of insurance underwriting such as local fire protection and the adoption and enforcement of building codes. More than 45,000 fire districts across the United States are reviewed and assigned a rating number from 1 to 10 (Class 1 represents exemplary fire protection. Class 10 does not meet minimum criteria).

Virtually all US insurers use ISO Public Protection Classifications (PPC) in calculating premiums. A good PPC rating will result in reduced in-

surance premiums. **Take advantage of our improved rating by contacting your insurance company and sharing this news with them. You might just be due a rate adjustment.**

Improved fire protection is just another way AVFRD is here to serve our community, **NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS.**

For more information



## NEED VOLUNTEER ARTICLES AND PHOTOGRAPHS

**Please Send Articles and  
Photos to Frankie  
at Fire & Rescue**

**Or**

**E-MAIL ATTACHED  
ARTICLES & PHOTOS TO:  
[frust@loudoun.gov](mailto:frust@loudoun.gov)**

**Submission Deadline  
1st week of prior month  
to month of issue**

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- *Pillows (standard and small sizes)*

### **Communications**

- *Prepaid phone cards (60 or more minutes)*

### **Food and Drinks**

- *Ground coffee*
- *Splenda / Sweet'n'Low (small bags)*
- *Sugar (small bags or shaker)*
- *Powdered creamer (small bags or shaker)*
- *Gatorade (small and medium size bottles)*
- *Bottled water (small plastic bottles)*
- *Instant soup (microwave and eat type)*
- *Candies and chocolates*
- *Juice (small packs and/or cans)*
- *Soda (cans and 1-liter bottles)*
- *Cereal (variety packs)*
- *Potato chips, etc. (variety / value packs)*
- *Cookies (factory sealed only)*
- *Instant coffee (regular and decaffeinated)*
- *Tea (bags)*
- *Snacks (ready to eat; factory sealed only)*

# HAPPY

# NEW

# YEAR!

## Election Results for Co. 11

President: Johnny Bischoff  
V-President: Ren Nehls  
Secretary: George Short  
Treasurer: Marvin Miller  
Fire Chief: Mickey Buchanan  
BOS Members At Large:  
Dan Ketcham  
Mico Miller  
Keith Firmin  
Byron Braggs

Congratulations!

## "10,000 Unique Visitors— Major Web Milestone Reached

Since its launch in February 2002, over 10,000 unique visitors have visited the Philomont Volunteer Fire Department web site (<http://www.philomontvfd.org>).

The web site has important information on the fire departments organization and membership as well as apparatus, events, what's new, and history. There are also pages with numerous links to fire safety information and other important fire and rescue related information.

In July 2002, the Philomont Volunteer Fire Department web site was honored in Fire House magazine as one of the "Hot Spots" fire department web sites. Other important web statistics include over 150,000 total visits and over 730 distinct web pages served. The apparatus web page continues to be the most visited page.

The web site is hosted through the generous donation of Ed Robisheaux of [erpositioning.com](http://erpositioning.com).

## FIRE-RESCUE SCHEDULED TRAINING

### PRIDE Training- Pick 1

Class #1 January 4th  
Class #2 January 5th  
Class #3 January 6th  
Class #4 January 11th  
Class #5 January 12th  
Class #6 January 19th  
Class #7 January 21st  
Class #8 January 24th

### Loudoun County Fire & Rescue Orientation

January 4th, 2005 –or–  
January 6th, 2005

### EMT-Basic Course

January 4-July 6, 2005

### N.F.P.A. Fire Officer 2

January 4-22, 2005

### AED/CombiTube

January 6-16, 2005

### BLS Protocols

January 9, 2005

### EMT-Basic Refresher

Jan. 13-Feb. 19, 2005

### BLS Skills Verification Testing

January 16, 2005

### Strategy & Tactics for the Initial Company Officer (STICO)

Jan. 25-29, 2005

### First Responder

February 14-March 24, 2005

### First Responder Refresher Course

February 2-19, 2005

### National Incident Management System

(NIMS) & the Incident Command System (ICS)

Feb. 8-12, 2005

### EMT-Basic Refresher DAYTIME (2 classes)

Class #1 February 3-9

Class #2 February 10-16

Test February 19th

